

In the Claims:

In the Advisory Action mailed September 22, 2004, the Examiner indicated that the amendments proposed in the August 30, 2004 Amendment would not be entered. Applicant resubmits those amendments in the present paper. Applicant thanks the Examiner for noting the typographical errors in the previous claim listing, and has corrected those errors in the present listing.

Please cancel Claims 1-27 and 34-40. Furthermore, please amend Claims 28-33 as follows (the changes in these claims are shown with ~~striketrough~~ for deleted matter and underlines for added matter). A complete listing of the claims are listed below with proper claim identifiers.

1-27 (Canceled)

28. (Previously presented) A drive mechanism for a flush lever of a sanitary fixture comprising:

an electromechanical actuator mounted on a movable plate, within an enclosure, operable engaging the flush lever;

first and second bracket halves projecting from the enclosure, substantially enclosing and rigidly engaging a bushing and nut securing the flush lever to the sanitary fixture.

29. (Original) The mechanism as in claim 28 wherein opposing faces of the first and second bracket halves comprise a complementary topography to the bushing and nut.

30. (Currently amended) The mechanism as in claim 26 ~~28~~ further comprising a flange extending ~~from~~ past said first bracket half, wherein said flange limits the rotation of said drive mechanism relative to the sanitary fixture.

31. (Currently amended) An apparatus for activating a flush lever of a sanitary fixture comprising:

an electromechanical actuator mounted on a movable plate, within an enclosure, operably engaging the flush lever;

first and second bracket halves substantially enclosing and engaging a bushing;

a hexagonal nut securing the flush lever to the sanitary fixture; fasteners for securing the first and second bracket halves to the enclosure; and

a power source for the electromechanical ~~flexible~~ actuator.

32. (Original) The mechanism as in claim 31 wherein opposing faces of the first and second bracket halves comprise a complimentary topography to the bushing and nut.

33. (Currently amended) The mechanism as in claim 31 further comprising a flange extending ~~from~~ past said first bracket half, wherein said flange limits the rotation of said drive mechanism relative to the sanitary fixture.

34-40. (Cancelled)